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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

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Listing of claims:

1-16. (Canceled)

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17. (Previously presented) A method of treating obesity in a patient, comprising the steps of:

implanting a gastric banding device around the stomach of the patient to create a stoma; said gastric banding device having an inflatable chamber;

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remotely transmitting control signals from outside of the patient to a controller of the gastric banding device inside of the patient; and

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actuating a first valve, between a pressurized fluid reservoir and said inflatable chamber, or a second valve, between said inflatable chamber and an outlet, on the basis of the control signals received by the controller to increase or decrease the fluid volume in said inflatable chamber, wherein the pressure in said pressurized fluid reservoir remains greater than or equal to the pressure in said inflatable chamber, thereby adjusting an inner circumference of the band.

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18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the control signals are remotely transmitted using a remote control.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the controller has a receiver for receiving the control signals.